



February 27, 2015

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Request for Proposals – Transit Buses**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to issue Request for Proposals No. 15-048 to procure 35 42 ft. low-floor CNG buses with options to purchase up to 100 additional coaches in future years.

Analysis

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) stipulates that buses purchased with federal funds must remain in service for at least 12 years or 500,000 miles, whichever comes first. Based on the current age and accumulated mileage on the revenue vehicle fleet, Foothill Transit is scheduled to replace 95 transit buses over the next four fiscal years. Further, if Foothill Transit expands services and/or assumes responsibility for routes that are currently operated by other transit providers, additional transit coaches will be needed.

The bus specifications will include an advanced body style body design with similar passenger amenities as have been incorporated in Foothill Transit's latest bus procurement such as: reclining and padded forward-facing seats, overhead parcel racks, reading lights, and the new Foothill Transit livery design.

In order to comply with axle-weight limitations specified in Section 35554 of the California Vehicle Code, Foothill Transit's procurement documents will require that the new buses weigh no more than the buses being replaced.

Budget Impact

Funds for the procurement of these buses will be included in the capital budget in the fiscal years that the buses will be replaced and when expansion buses will be required.

Sincerely,

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